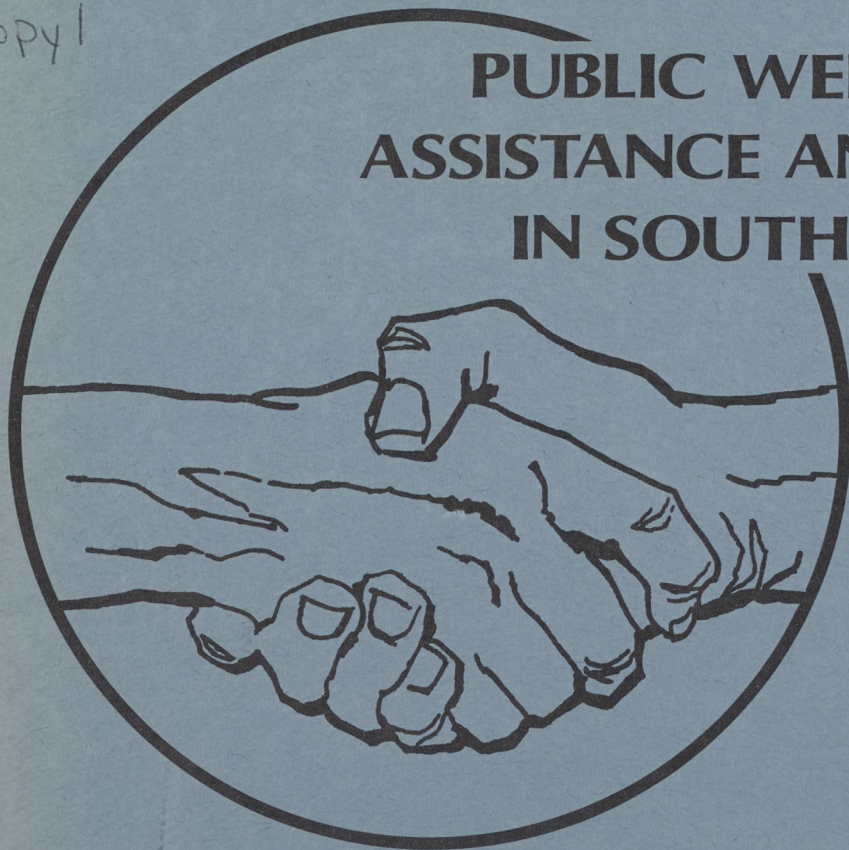


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ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES
IN SOUTH CAROLINA**



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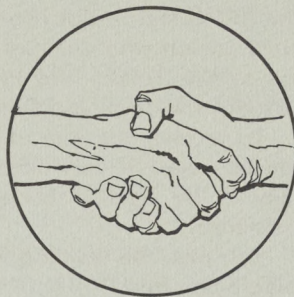


SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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A public welfare agency has one reason for existence — to render services to people in need of help.

The Department of Public Welfare has service programs to aid individuals and families who have personal and family problems: with marital, parental, and teenage counseling; with care of children when the parents cannot provide needed care; with adopting children; with homemaker services; with medical needs; and with regular day-to-day living costs.

One of the functions of the public welfare agency is to administer Public Assistance. Such financial assistance is one of the ways in which people may be served who are in economic need and who are eligible to receive such aid for day-to-day living expenses. The Food Stamp Program administered by the Public Welfare Department is another kind of financial aid to help provide for the cost of food.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The five categories of financial assistance which provide cash assistance to every person who qualifies are Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Needy Blind, Aid to the Totally and Permanently Disabled, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, and General Assistance.

To receive any one of the five kinds of assistance, you must be in financial need. If your income and resources are more than that which is allowed by agency budgetary standards, you cannot receive financial assistance.

You must be residing in the state of South Carolina, and plan to continue living here.

In addition to these eligibility requirements, specific factors affect the individual kinds of assistance. Requirements are given according to policy in effect July 1971.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE. You may be eligible for old age assistance if you are in need and —

1. You are at least 65 years of age and a citizen of the United States.
2. You have not disposed of property to become eligible for old age assistance.
3. You understand that by State Law the Department of Public Welfare must file a claim against your estate after your death for the amount of assistance you received under Old Age Assistance. This claim will not be filed as long as your spouse or dependent children continue to use the property as their homestead. If your property is worth less than \$500.00 no claim can be filed. Certain expenses such as medical expenses of last illness, funeral expenses, probate court costs, debts due to the public such as back taxes, prior mortgages, and rent would be paid by the administrator or executor of the estate prior to the Welfare Department's claim.



AID TO THE NEEDY BLIND. You may be eligible for aid to the needy blind if you are in need and —

1. You are totally blind, or your vision is so defective that with correcting glasses you cannot perform ordinary duties requiring eyesight.
2. An eye examination by an ophthalmologist or optometrist is performed to determine the degree of blindness. If such an examination has not already been done and is requested by the Department, the Welfare Department will pay for this examination.





TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED ASSISTANCE. You may be eligible for totally and permanently disabled assistance if you are in need and —

1. You are totally and permanently disabled due to some mental or physical condition.
2. Your disability is verified by a physician's examination. If such an examination has not already been done and is requested by the Department, the Welfare Department will pay for this examination.
3. You are eighteen years of age or older.



AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN. You may be eligible for aid to families with dependent children if you are in need and —

1. The child or children are deprived of support or care by their parents because of death, or continued absence from home, or because of physical or mental incapacity of a parent.
2. The child or children for whom aid is sought are under twenty-one years of age. All dependent children between ages of eighteen and twenty-one must be attending school.
3. The child or children are residing in a home with a father or mother, grandfather or grandmother, step-father or step-mother, brother or sister, step-brother or step-sister, uncle or an aunt, first cousin, nephew or niece.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE. You may be eligible for general assistance if you are in need and —

1. You are unable to support yourself because of a temporary physical or mental infirmity and you have no relative or other person able, legally responsible, or willing to provide for your proper support.
2. A physician's certificate stating that you are totally and temporarily disabled for work is acquired.

HOW TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE. If you believe that you are in need of assistance or services, you may go to your County Department of Public Welfare. A welfare worker will be glad to talk with you and assist you. If you are sick, or unable to go to the County Department, you may call, write or send someone in your behalf.

During your interview, you would tell the welfare worker of your needs and problems. If you are in financial need she will assist you in completing an application for one of the five kinds of categories of public assistance.

The welfare worker will also help you explore other resources that may be available to you such as social security benefits, unemployment compensation, or veteran's benefits.

You have the right to apply for assistance if you believe you are eligible. The welfare worker will explain the application and other forms. If there is something you do not understand, you should ask the caseworker to explain this to you. Your worker will explain the next steps in helping you get assistance. You may take the application forms and complete them yourself or ask anyone whom you choose, including the welfare worker, to help you to fill in the information. After you complete the application forms and return them, if visits are needed to your home you will be notified of the visit, which would be made during the agency's working hours.

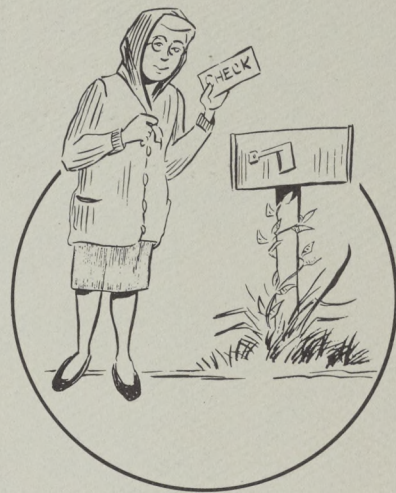




DECISION ON YOUR APPLICATION. You will be notified of the Department's decision on your request for assistance. Generally the agency notification is within thirty days for the completed application, except that it may be within sixty days for Aid to the Totally and Permanently Disabled.

If you feel that your application has not been acted upon in a reasonable time or if you are dissatisfied with a decision on your case, you have the right to appeal for a fair hearing before a representative of the State Department of Public Welfare. You may discuss your request for a hearing with an employee of the Department of Public Welfare. If you request it, the County Department worker will be glad to help you complete the appeal form and letter of explanation. The request for appeal may be filed with the County Department, or be forwarded to the State Department of Public Welfare, P. O. Box 1520, Columbia, S. C. 29202. The request for the hearing should be made within sixty days of the date of notification from the County Department. You may have legal counsel or other supportive persons assist you in presenting your viewpoint.

If you wish, you may inquire about free legal counsel through a Legal Aid Society, if there is one that serves your county. At the present time legal aid offices are located in Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Rock Hill and Spartanburg. Legal assistance may also be available through VISTA.



PAYMENT BY TYPES OF ASSISTANCE. If you are found eligible for assistance, you will receive a monthly check. The amount of the check is determined by your needs and income. The least amount a check can be written for is \$4.00. The maximum monthly amount in effect July, 1971 for each kind of assistance is as follows:

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| Old Age Assistance | \$80.00 |
| Aid to the Needy Blind | \$95.00 |
| Aid to the Totally and Permanently Disabled | \$80.00 |
| Aid to Families with Dependent Children | No maximum |

Each family's assistance check is calculated on the basis of its total needs and funds available to meet those needs.

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| General Assistance | \$40.00 |
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If, after approval for financial assistance, you have a change in your financial circumstances, it is your responsibility to notify your caseworker immediately.

OTHER TYPES OF ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM — MEDICAID. If you are receiving one of the five kinds of assistance, you are eligible for benefits under the Medical Assistance Program, known as Medicaid.

If your doctor says that you need one or all of these medical services listed below, Medicaid may pay for:

1. Your stay in a hospital for up to 40 days in one fiscal year
2. Services provided by a hospital even though you are not admitted as a patient
3. Doctor's services
4. First three pints of whole blood
5. In-patient hospital services for you, if you are sixty-five years of age or over in a psychiatric or tuberculosis hospital
6. Care in a skilled nursing home for you, if you are over twenty-one years of age
7. Emergency dental care
8. Certain medicines prescribed by your doctor
9. Psychiatric clinic services
10. Other medical services such as home health visits; diagnostic tests such as X-ray and laboratory services; X-ray or radium treatments; surgical dressings, splints or casts; certain ambulance or transportation service; braces; artificial legs, arms; rental or purchase of certain medical equipment.

Remember, these services must be medically necessary before Medicaid can pay for them. This means that your doctor must prescribe what you need.

Your County Department of Public Welfare worker will be glad to tell you more about the Medicaid program.

If you are sixty-five years of age or over, you may be eligible for med-

ical services under another program called Medicare. Your welfare worker will be glad to explain this program to you.

HOMEMAKER SERVICE. This service may be available to you and your family if you are in need of this type of help and you are receiving financial assistance or other services of the agency. The Homemaker Service:

1. Helps parents provide care for their children and assists in the performance of household tasks during a parent's illness or temporary absence;
2. Provides help in better home management, child care, and in selection and preparation of foods to give you the best diet for your money;
3. Aids the older person, the disabled, or the blind person to remain in his own home by providing help with such things as cooking, ironing, and general provision for daily needs;
4. Provides for teaching handicrafts to the handicapped or persons unable to leave their home, and assists in selling the products if necessary.

You must understand that this kind of service can be offered only in times of immediate crisis and in times when the individual or family can benefit through the teaching and help of a homemaker. It is extended to tide you over a crisis or to improve your family life, not to take over your family life. If you feel you need this kind of service, you should discuss it with your welfare worker.





SOCIAL SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN.

Generally a child is happiest, healthiest and best able to adjust to himself, his family, and his community when he is in his own home with his own parents. The services offered by the Department of Public Welfare are directed to help parents preserve their rights to their children, and the right of the children to their parents.

Family Services may be provided to you for:

1. Help in arriving at an understanding of your situation and your child(ren)'s unmet or only partially met needs.
2. Help in attaining or securing those things which you feel you and your child(ren) need. Examples of the services available to help you include:
 - a. discussing where and how you live, how members of your family get along, understanding your own and your child(ren)'s unmet or partially met needs in the home and community, and finding ways of meeting those needs;
 - b. assisting you as members of a family and as persons to share your thoughts, to join activities in the home and the community;
 - c. family planning;
 - d. housing;
 - e. health services;
 - f. education;
 - g. assistance in job preparation and employment.

Employment services would include help in your planning for suitable child care either in your home or in available day care centers in order that you can feel that your children have good care in your absence.

For children whose parents cannot give adequate care and protection while they are helped to correct problems of their own, help with development of temporary arrangements for the child outside the home may be given. According to the needs of the child, this care may be with relatives,

in a foster family or a group family home, in specialized group homes, or in a child care institution. If permanent care outside the home is needed, help is given in finding the "right" adoptive home for the child.

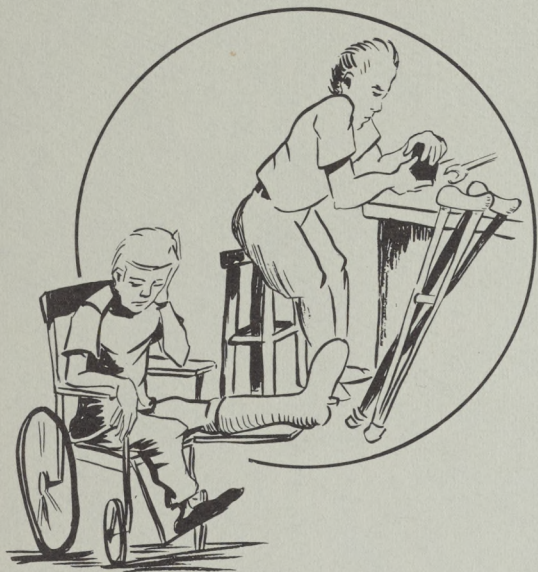
The Department of Public Welfare is ever ready to talk with anyone who has or expects a child out of wedlock. Information can be obtained from the Department of Public Welfare about what that Department or other organizations can do to help with any of the following: living arrangements, financial assistance, medical care, and, if desired, adoption. The parent is helped to discuss the present and future and come to be sure that all choices have been considered in reaching a decision which is best for the child and the parent.

If you are concerned about children of others, you will find the staff in the Department of Public Welfare anxious to hear of a family whom they might help.

Also, the Department is ready to help people who may wish to give foster care or adopt a child. Upon their request a study of the home is made so they might serve children whose natural parents seek other plans for their children.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. The Food Stamp Program is administered by the Department of Public Welfare. Eligibility is based on the number of people living in the household and their available income and resources. The Food Stamp Program helps you buy more food for your money. You may contact the County Department of Public Welfare and talk with a welfare worker to get more information about the Food Stamp Program.





SOCIAL SERVICES TO ADULT RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

The Department of Public Welfare is further developing a program of social services for the aged, blind and disabled.

Services which you may request through the County Department of Public Welfare include the following:

1. **Information and referral services.** If you need information or advice on some need or problem, you may call your local Welfare Department and a worker will try to give you information, meet the need directly, or refer you to some agency that can meet your need.
2. **Protective services.** If you are unable to manage your usual activities of daily life, the Department will be able to offer or suggest to you some method by which your needs can be met.
3. **Services to help you remain in or return to your own home or community.** This may include:
 - a. helping you in locating suitable living arrangements;
 - b. encouraging the help of relatives, friends, or others to assist you to remain in, or return to, the community in which you would like to live;
 - c. helping you with medical needs and plans to maintain your health; and
 - d. assisting you in getting settled into community life and activities.
4. **Services to meet health needs.** This would include helping you obtain necessary medical services, equipment, and supplies available under Medicare, Medicaid, or other agencies that provide such services. Assistance may be given to help you make transportation arrangements to and from the doctor, hospital, clinic, etc. Contacts and plans may be made with relatives or other appropriate persons and with providers of medical services to enable you to carry out the necessary medical recommendations. If you have a medical emergency, it may include

assisting you in obtaining services of a physician, and necessary care of dependents arising from that emergency.

5. **Self-support services for the handicapped.** If you are handicapped, you may want to talk with the Department about your interests and develop possible ways of becoming self-supporting. A worker may help you plan and discuss training and employment opportunities and ways of taking advantage of available resources such as Vocational Rehabilitation, Health, or Employment agencies.

NON-DISCRIMINATION. It is your right to be considered for any aid, care, services or other benefits provided by the Department of Public Welfare without discrimination on the ground of race, color, religion or national origin. If you feel you have been treated differently from other individuals because of race, color, religion or national origin you have the right to bring the matter to the attention of the State Department of Public Welfare. You may have legal counsel or other persons help you in presenting your viewpoint. The State Department will investigate and correct any discriminatory practice that exists.

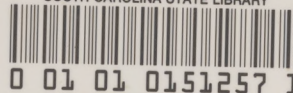
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. We hope that this information booklet will help you understand the programs and services provided by the Department of Public Welfare and that you will be able to use them as much as possible.

For further information or to apply for assistance or services you should contact the Department of Public Welfare in your county of residence.

YOUR COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS

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| ABBEVILLE COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Courthouse, Court Square P. O. Box 189, Abbeville 29620 | 459-4216 |
| AIKEN COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Commissioners Bldg., 102 Williamsburg St., S.E. P. O. Box 687, Aiken 29801 | 648-4203 648-4204 |
| ALLENDALE COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT War Memorial Bldg., Courthouse Square Allendale 29810 | 584-2181 584-2205 |
| ANDERSON COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Agricultural Bldg., 313 South Towers St. P. O. Box 827, Anderson 29621 | 224-0281 224-4364 |
| BAMBERG COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Welfare Building, 210 North Main St. P. O. Box 60, Bamberg 29003 | 245-2451 245-2452 |
| BARNWELL COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Office Bldg., Main Street P. O. Box 517, Barnwell 29812 | 259-3039 |
| BEAUFORT COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT 1317 Boundary P. O. Box 105, Beaufort 29902 | 524-4922 |
| BERKELEY COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT Courthouse, California Ave. & Broughton Rd. P. O. Box 158, Moncks Corner 29461 | 899-2156 899-2157 |
| CALHOUN COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Agriculture Building, Railroad Avenue P. O. Box 202, St. Matthews 29135 | 874-3384 |

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| CHARLESTON COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Center—Rm. 409 Charleston 29403 | 723-3691 | EDGEFIELD COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Courthouse, 129 Courthouse Square P. O. Box 187, Edgefield 29824 | 637-3126 637-6265 |
| CHEROKEE COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Welfare Bldg., 326 S. Logan St. P. O. Box 606, Gaffney 29340 | 489-6026 489-6027 | FAIRFIELD COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Courthouse, S. Congress St. P. O. Box 210, Winnsboro 29180 | 635-4233 |
| CHESTER COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Welfare Bldg., 193 Columbia St. P. O. Box 732, Chester 29706 | 385-2610 377-3166 | FLORENCE COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Agriculture Bldg., 710 S. Irby St. P. O. Box 3606, Florence 29501 | 669-3354 669-3355 |
| CHESTERFIELD COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT Redfearn Bldg., 321 East Main St. Chesterfield 29709 | 623-2147 | GEORGETOWN COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Courthouse Bldg., Screven St. P. O. Box 245, Georgetown 29440 | 546-4333 546-4910 |
| CLARENDON COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Health Center, S. Church St. Manning 29102 | 435-8139 435-8138 | GREENVILLE COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Office Bldg., 130 S. Main St. P. O. Box 10249, Greenville 29603 | 232-8703 |
| COLLETON COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT Old Jail Bldg., Jefferies Blvd. P. O. Box 626, Walterboro 29488 | 549-5314 549-2351 | GREENWOOD COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Courthouse Bldg., Monument St. P. O. Box 1096, Greenwood 29646 | 229-6675 229-6674 |
| DARLINGTON COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Welfare Bldg., Russel St. P. O. Box 204, Darlington 29532 | 393-2870 393-2879 | HAMPTON COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Office Bldg. Hampton 29924 | 943-3641 |
| DILLON COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Agriculture Bldg., W. Main & 1st Ave. P. O. Box 630, Dillon 29536 | 774-2435 774-2434 | HORRY COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT Former Cochran Elem. School P. O. Box 388, Conway 29526 | 365-5565 |
| DORCHESTER COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Courthouse, 101 Sears St. P. O. Box 246, St. George 29477 | 563-4850 563-3191 | JASPER COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT Old Agriculture Bldg., Adams Ave. Ridgeland 29936 | 726-3747 726-3298 |



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| KERSHAW COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT Old Nurses Home, 1719 Mill Street P. O. Box 546, Camden 29020 | 432-7676 432-7677 |
| LANCASTER COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Welfare Bldg., 107 S. French Lancaster 29720 | 283-4770 283-2775 |
| LAURENS COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT Dominick Bldg., 28 Lucas Ave. P. O. Box 947, Laurens 29360 | 984-4541 |
| LEE COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Welfare Bldg., Courthouse Square Bishopville 29010 | 484-6012 |
| LEXINGTON COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Memorial Bldg., 219 E. Main St. P. O. Box 447, Lexington 29072 | 359-4173 |
| MARION COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT Beeson Bldg., West Court Square P. O. Box 499, Marion 29571 | 423-4623 423-4624 |
| MARLBORO COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Courthouse Bldg., Main St. P. O. Box 622, Bennettsville 29512 | 479-4071 479-4072 |
| MCCORMICK COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Office Bldg., Augusta St. P. O. Box 506, McCormick 29835 | 465-6300 |
| NEWBERRY COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Welfare Bldg., 1328 College St. P. O. Box 309, Newberry 29108 | 276-3611 276-4570 |

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| ORANGEBURG COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Office Bldg., 168 Doyle St. Drawer E, Orangeburg 29115 | 536-1685 536-1686 |
| PICKENS COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Welfare Bldg., 306 Pendleton St. P. O. Box 158, Pickens 29671 | 878-2451 878-9468 |
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| SALUDA COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT American Legion Bldg., 124 S. Rudolph P. O. Box 276, Saluda 29138 | 445-2139 |
| SPARTANBURG COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Courthouse Bldg., Magnolia St. P. O. Box 1747, Spartanburg 29301 | 585-9364 |
| SUMTER COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT Agriculture Bldg., Courthouse Annex—Law Range P. O. Box 68, Sumter 29150 | 773-2242 773-9374 |
| UNION COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT Arthur State Bank Building, 100½ E. Main Street P. O. Box 428, Union 29379 | 427-8401 427-8402 |
| WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Welfare Bldg., 115 Short St. P. O. Box 5, Kingstree 29556 | 354-6034 |
| YORK COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT County Agriculture Bldg., South Congress Street P. O. Box 261, York 29745 | 684-3551 684-6435 |

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